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The following report is rendered concerning the offer of Czech national, Hans FREUND, to place at the disposal of the United States a signal plan whereby the intercept of radio communications is rendered impossible.

History of Case: Subject national approached a representative of the Counter Intelligence Corps, Munich, Germany in November 1947 with a rough outline of his plan to render wireless intercept useless. He was referred by the Counter Intelligence Corps to the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in Frankfurt where he appeared on 6 December 1947. Subsequent to an interview by that office, subject national was interviewed 5 February 1948 by a representative of Army Security Agency, Europe, and the following information derived.

Biographical Details: Hans Freund was born 24 November 1920 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He attended a primary school in Prague from 1926-1931, and from 1931-1939 a public school. He had passed his examination for entrance to the university when in 1939 he was called into the German Army. He served with the German Air Force Signal Corps as an interpreter of English from 1939 until April 1945 when he was captured. His career in the German Air Force included "basic training" in 1939; service from 1939-1942 in Baukompanie (Arbeitsdienst) 2013; Ausbildungskompanie 2/7; and an Ersatzkompanie stationed in Augsburg, Germany. In 1942 he was transferred to the Afrika Korps under Rommel (Kompanie z.b.V. Afrika) and then to H-Zug Oberleutnant Boehne, Fluge fur Afrika.

In April 1943 he obtained a furlough and while in Rome secured an audience with the Pope at which time he begged his Holiness to aid him to escape either to England or Algiers. This the Pope was unable to do. From Rome Freund went to Berlin where he attempted to contact the American or British Embassies, but having failed returned to Augsburg. In Augsburg he attempted to escape with another Czech national, LEO DEMBICKI, to Switzerland, but was caught by the German police and sentenced to imprisonment. He served a part of his sentence (14 August 43-24 February 45) but was discharged on probation 4 July 1944 and returned to duty at Augsburg. He served the remainder of the war in Italy with the German Army intercept service. Having surrendered 23 April 1945 he remained a prisoner of the British in North Africa until October 1947, at which time he was released and returned to Europe. He came to Germany to live with his parents who had been forcibly removed from Czechoslovakia and who are now living in Dillenburg, Hauptstrasse 42. Freund has obtained a job with the Griesheim Ordnance Depot, Griesheim, Germany, as a supervisor in the Shipping Department.

Proposal: During his experiences with the German Air Force Freund evolved a scheme for camouflaging wireless communications. According to his statement no technical equipment is necessary for the scheme. Although Freund would

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reveal no more details of his scheme, he described the idea as "very simple" and "depending on organization rather than technique". When pressed for requirements to carry out a practical demonstration of the scheme, Freund indicated that one wireless net would be sufficient, comprising approximately two transmitters, six or seven receiving positions, two or three intercept positions, and one "counter-intercept station". The last contained the "new part" in a regular signal intelligence scheme.

Freund is willing to reveal his secret to the United States on two conditions:

- (1) That he be allowed to take part in the experimentation for his scheme.
- (2) That he be given permission by the United States to go to America or some other country of his choice.

Remarks: Inasmuch as Freund has no technical experience, it appears doubtful that he has evolved a plan employing any new feature, either technically or organizationally, which would be of interest to the United States. The proposal is forwarded to Army Security Agency, Department of the Army for information and possible interest.

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